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*Ex parte* NATHAN R. BELK

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Appeal 2009-012571  
Application 10/694,074  
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Before DALE M. SHAW, *Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER REMANDING APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 29, 2009. A Docketing Notice was mailed and Appeal No. 2009-012571 was assigned on July 10, 2009. A review of the application has revealed that the application was not ready for an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being remanded to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention is identified below.

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EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on July 27, 2009. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to consider the Reply Brief filed July 27, 2009 as indicated above;
- and
- 2) for such further action as may be required.

No time period for taking any subsequent action in connection with this appeal may be extended under 37 C.F.R § 1.136(a)(1)(iv).

If there are any questions pertaining to this order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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